



# The MFL Department

## Welcome

The Modern Foreign Languages Department at St Joseph's is dynamic and forward-thinking. In our teaching, we aim to incorporate a range of activities to suit all learners. With our love of languages, we strive to inspire our young people to look beyond and recognise the importance and benefit of learning another language.

## Our aims are:

- To help students develop communication and literacy skills that lay the foundations for future language learning.
- To give students the confidence to communicate successfully and effectively in the target language.
- To allow pupils to explore the lifestyle and culture of a foreign country and foster positive attitudes to other cultures, languages and civilizations.
- To develop the skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing.

## Key Stage 3

Students at St Joseph's have the opportunity to study French and Spanish. We are currently teaching the following topics:

Year 7	Year 8
Personal Information	Free time and hobbies
Family	Holidays and travel
Home	Healthy lifestyle
School	Employment
Free time and hobbies	Cultural topics
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## Key Stage 4

Following on from the foundations built in the two years at Key Stage 3, students have the option to study French and/or Spanish at GCSE. We follow the AQA exam board for French and Spanish. Students will sit final examinations in listening, speaking, reading and writing at the end of year 11, each worth 25%. The course covers three distinct themes:-

Theme 1 – Identity and culture

Theme 2 – Local, national, international and global areas of interest

Theme 3 – Current and future study and employment

## Extra-curricular activities

Each year, the department organises an enrichment trip to France or Spain for students in Year 8. The pupils benefit greatly from the experience of these trips as it gives them an opportunity to practice the language and experience the culture of another country. Students in some years are given the opportunity to participate in different events for example modern foreign language theatre trips and cooking experiences. We also run both a French and a Spanish club at lunchtime.